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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF L-AMINO ACIDS BY ATTENUATING  
THE sucC AND sucD GENES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination on the merits, please further amend the application as follows.